

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, claims 1, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 28 have been amended. Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

**I. Claim Objections.**

Applicant has corrected the informalities in claims 17, 22, 23, 26 and 28 according to the Examiner's kind suggestion. Withdrawal of the objections for claims 17, 22, 23, 26 and 28 is respectfully requested.

**II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 1-28 were rejected under *35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph* as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctively claim the subject matter. Applicant has amended the language in claims 1, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 28 to overcome these rejections. Please see the above-listed claims for details and reconsideration of these claims are respectfully requested.

**III. Rejection of Claims 1-28 as Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

In addition, claims 1-28 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory provisional obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-28 of copending Application No. 10/814,223 and claims 1-27 of copending Application No. 10/814,285. Two terminal disclaimers are appended herewith. Therefore, it is believed that these rejections are deemed moot and should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-28 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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